

Please replace claim 13 with the following "clean version" of the amended claim.

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13. (four times amended) A valve plug head assembly comprising:
- (A) a means for holding a valve plug head to a valve plug stem, having a plug stem base and a plug stem base cavity, wherein said means for holding further comprises a plug head band, fitted between said valve plug head and a recess in said plug stem base cavity; and a band retainer fitted over said plug head band and fixed to said plug stem base; and
- (B) ~~a means for fastening said means for holding to said valve plug stem.~~

Version of claim 13 with "markings to show changes made" of the amended claim.

13. (four times amended) A valve plug head assembly comprising:

- (A) a means for holding a valve plug head to a valve plug stem, having a plug stem base and a plug stem base cavity, wherein said means for holding further comprises a plug head band, fitted between said valve plug head and a recess in said plug stem base cavity [made of a ductile material]; and a band retainer fitted over said plug head band and fixed to said plug stem base; and
- (B) a means for fastening said means for holding to said valve plug stem.